## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

LICANT:

HENNHÖFER ET AL.

SERIAL NO.:

09/032,305

EXAMINER: R. KUNEMUND

FILED:

FEBRUARY 27, 1998

GROUP: 1765

TITLE:

PROCESS FOR TREATING A POLISHED SEMICONDUCTOR

WAFER "IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFE

HAS BEEN POLISHED

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2000 for three (3) months, from March 18, 2001 to JUNE 18, 2001. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$890 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Check in the amount of \$890.00

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, Washington, D.C. 20231, on June 18, 2001